



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2872
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872-

Confirmation No. 5740

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE (As Amended)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed August 1, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on November 1, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 1, 2003.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In view of the following, it is respectfully requested that the allowability of the pending claims be reconsidered.

Claims 4-7 and 9-11 are pending and under consideration.

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